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#5 Pre-Amendment A
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Aylward, et al.
Appl. No.: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: Concurrently Herewith
For: APPARATUS FOR HANDLING AND
PACKAGING FRIABLE TABLETS

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

On page 1, immediately after the title of the application, please insert the following paragraph:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS--

This application is related to, and is a continuation of, U.S. Application No. 09/876,822 filed June 7, 2001, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference. U.S. Application No. 09/876,822 claims the priority of U.S. Application No. 09/658,966, filed September 11, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/077,363, filed March 9, 1998; and Application No. PCT/US99/05103, filed March 9, 1999.